

OPINION 1688

Coccyzus euleri Cabanis, 1873 (Aves, Cuculiformes): specific name conserved

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *julieni* Lawrence, [1864], as published in the binomen *Coccyzus julieni*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *euleri* Cabanis, 1873, as published in the binomen *Coccygus* (= *Coccyzus*) *euleri*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *julieni* Lawrence, [1864], as published in the binomen *Coccyzus julieni* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2727

An application for the conservation of the specific name of *Coccyzus euleri* Cabanis, 1873 was received from Drs Edwin O. Willis and Y. Oniki (*Universidade Estadual Paulista, São Paulo, Brazil*) on 14 June 1989. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 47: 195–197 (September 1990). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

An opposing comment from Dr Richard C. Banks (*National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.*) was published in BZN 48: 155–156 (June 1991), together with a comment from Prof Walter J. Bock (Chairman of the Standing Committee on Ornithological Nomenclature (SCON); *Columbia University, New York, U.S.A.*) reporting on the support for the application from the members of SCON. A reply to Dr Banks's comment by the authors of the application was published in BZN 48: 254–255 (September 1991), together with a further comment in support from Drs Kenneth C. Parkes and D. Scott Wood (*Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.*).

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1991 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 47: 196. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1992 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 23: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Holthuis, Kraus, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 5: Bouchet, Heppell, Lehtinen, Nye and Thompson.

No vote was received from Kabata.

Nye commented that, since the senior synonym, *Coccyzus julieni* Lawrence, [1864], has had some usage in recent years for the South American species, priority should prevail.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

euleri, *Coccyzus*, Cabanis, 1873, *Journal für Ornithologie*, (4)1(1): 72.

julieni, *Coccyzus*, Lawrence, [1864], *Annals of the Lyceum of Natural History of New York*, **8**: 42
(Issued in the serial in 1867 but published as a separate in [1864]).